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Subscribers will confer a favor on THE STAR if they will notify us of any failure to receive their paper.

Communications on live topics, especially of local interest, are solicited. But the editor reserves the right to condense them to suit. Brief items of neighborhood news always desired.

NERVOUS people may sleep much without knowing it, Dr. A. Erlenmeyer finds. Even in health one may have a long nap without retaining any impression of it, as when a traveler is awakened by the stoppage of his train and recollects neither the passing of other stations nor losing consciousness. In nervous disease patients often complain of wakefulness after having actually slept all night.

THERE will be great disappointment no doubt that William Jennings Bryan will not be able to attend the inauguration of his cousin, William S. Jennings, as governor of Florida, next week, as he had contemplated doing. Mr. Bryan's engagements are such that he cannot well spare the time now to make the trip to this state. The inauguration will, however, take place just the same as though nothing had occurred.

THE magnetized spots in rocks, some years ago proven to be due to lightning-stroke, have been further investigated by Dr. Folgheraiter. In some places the direction of the magnetizing discharge has been determined and the magnetic properties and distribution of magnetism are those of the ordinary magnet; but in other cases it has been impossible to show the direction of the discharge or the position of the second magnetic pole.

ADDITIONAL representation in the house of representatives at Washington from this state will cause a general stir among the many men who will be aspirants for the new position of third congressman. Whether he will be elected from the state at large, or whether a new district shall be created, a Democrat he will surely be. There are, perhaps, a dozen or two men in the state who would be more than pleased to set in the representative hall at Washington, but it is also doubtful if any one of those men with congressional "bees in their bonnets" will be able to secure the coveted position. The people can be relied upon to select their man with care, and with regard for his capability and fitness to fill such a position with honor and credit to our state.

The Annexation Movement.

One of our exchanges in Suwannee county seems to be very apprehensive of the movement in West Florida to annex a part of this state to Alabama. It says:

"The legislature of Alabama took the matter up a short time ago, and enacted such measures as were necessary to put the project in motion. It is a fact that a great many of the people in West Florida favor the change, and most of them give as a reason the burdensome rate of taxation in Florida."

We thought the people of Florida had been congratulating themselves on our excellent financial condition and fairly low rate of taxation. Our Suwannee brother is very anxious to have the next legislature relieve the tax burden—anxious for them to do something which will relieve the entire commonwealth and cut off extravagant expenditures of state government.

This is a new one on us, we must confess, but we like to be enlightened, of course. If there are extravagant expenditures in our state government, we would like to

know where they are. Will our brother editor of the Democrat please state them?

We don't know what the tax rate of Alabama is, but it cannot be much lower than that of Florida, and if this is the real cause of the "vigorous kick" West Florida is making for annexation to another state it is certainly a very poor one, for there is no telling by the time she is annexed to Alabama, those people up there are moving people, and they are likely to create a much higher tax rate than Florida has ever asked for.

An Interesting Question.

Commenting on Mr. Cleveland's article on the future policy of the Democratic party in the Saturday Evening Post, the New York Sun says:

"Whether Bryan or a Democrat of the opposing school will then (in 1904) represent Democratic sentiment cannot now be foreseen. The south, in 1900 the sole remaining stronghold of Democracy, is passing through a complete transformation and becoming one of the most enterprising and richest parts of the Union. What will the southern Democracy demand in 1904?"

The question as to what the southern Democracy will demand in 1904 in an interesting one. It would of course please the Sun if it were certain it would pursue a course that would open the way for a white Republican party in the south. It is not likely, however, that its policy will be in the interest of the Republican party.

The Savannah News notes that there were indications in the last campaign that in future the south would not be so willing as it had been to follow Democratic leadership of other sections of the country. It has views of its own, which it will insist upon presenting when the proper time arrives. One of the reasons for the light vote in every one of the southern states in the last national election was the dissatisfaction of Democrats with their party platform. Business and industrial interests are becoming such powerful factors in the south's material affairs that their influence will be felt to a greater extent than ever before in her politics in the next four years.

ASTRONOMERS are bringing forward numerous theories to explain the Gegenschein, the bright patch that sometimes glows mysteriously in the midnight sky. The light occurs near the celestial equator, but usually two or three degrees removed from exact opposition to the sun, and is generally believed to have no connection with the earth's atmosphere. A plausible view, not wholly satisfactory, is that it is a reflection from the ring of fragments to which the asteroids belong. Another suggestion is that it is a comet-like tail of hydrogen and helium streaming away from the earth in a direction opposite to the sun, while many connect the phenomenon with the meteoric ring producing the zodiacal light.

Golf on the East Coast.

The Jacksonville Times Union and Citizen says that the outlook for the east coast golf tournament this year is bright for a large attendance of fine players. More interest even than heretofore has been shown in golf circles all over the country this winter, and this means that as midwinter approaches the players will flock to Florida, where the temperature is just sufficiently bracing to make the sport most enjoyable. The various links are being put in readiness for the season now, and later the programme of the tournaments will be announced. The eighteen hole links at Palm Beach are practically ready for play now. With the splendid turf at Palm Beach, this course is considered one of the very best in the south and many players say it has no equal. Although it will be less than 5,000 yards, it is held that a longer course is not desirable in Florida. It is expected that there will be several minor tournaments early in the month of January, the dates of which have not been announced. During the latter part of January the tournament for the President's cup will be played, and this will probably be the first notable event of the east coast season.

There were 9,891 casualties, 207 of which were fatal, in the streets of London, Dec. 27.

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Ex-President Cleveland's Magazine Articles.

Ex-President Cleveland is writing for The Saturday Evening Post a series of strong articles which will appear in the magazine during the winter months. Some of these papers will deal with political affairs, and others with the personal problems of young men. They will be Mr. Cleveland's first utterances in any magazine on the questions of the day since he left the White House.

Mr. Cleveland's opening paper, which appeared in The Saturday Evening Post of December 22, discussed in a masterly manner a most important phase of our national politics.

Death of Mrs. Beggs.

Recently the death of Mrs. Beggs took place in her youngest son's home in Georgia. She was the mother of Judge J. D. Beggs, of Orlando, states attorney for the Seventh judicial circuit, and the people of the whole east coast will extend deep sympathy to the judge in the bereavement he has sustained.

Mrs. Ann Dunbar Beggs died at the residence of her youngest son, Charles T. Beggs, at Pavo, Thomas county, Ga., and was buried in the family cemetery at Madison, Fla. Mrs. Beggs was a life-long Baptist, a gentle Christian woman, greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends who will profoundly sympathize with her distinguished sons, Judge James D. Beggs, of Orlando, and also Judge E. D. Beggs, of Pensacola, worthy sons of a good mother.

Shedded Orange Groves.

Mr. John B. Stetson, of DeLand, now has 38 acres of shedded orange grove. The groves are in fine condition, luxuriantly green and healthy. There is a little fruit on some of the trees which have been protected for two years or more, but not enough to ship. The sheds are from 12 to 18 feet in height, and have comparatively close tops or roofs. At first the sheds cost from \$700 to \$800 an acre, but this has been reduced to about \$580 per acre, and perfection has almost been attained in their construction. It has been found that the trees under partial shade make as fine or finer growth as when outside, that less fertilizer is necessary, and a thinner-skinned, smoother and brighter orange is produced. Arrangements for heating the shedded orchards are complete. Under the close sheds there will be twelve fires to the acre, built in salamanders, of coke, which gives a tremendous heat but little smoke.

Advantages of the Poor Farm.

The Kissimmee Valley-Gazette, in reproducing an editorial which appeared in THE STAR two weeks ago, makes the following comments in favor of a county poor farm:

The success of the Osceola county poor farm is often quoted as the reason for the abandonment by other counties of the old pauper pension list system, and our example has been followed in several counties.

There can be no question of the advantages of the poor farm system, especially if the farm shows an annual profit, as ours has shown for the past four years. The objections to the pauper list are: That it is a temptation to people, who are quite able to provide for their poor relatives, to shirk this responsibility and make the county shoulder it; that it is a constant drain on the treasury without any income; that it offers an opportunity to politicians to use the treasury for political purposes; that it is paternalism on a small scale, and breeds beggary and fraud. On the other hand the poor farm achieves all the ends of charity without any of the evils of the pauper list. It was soon found in this county that only the deserving poor, the genuine cases of distress, went to the poor farm. Then, financially speaking, the change made an immense difference. A heavy annual charge was turned into a handsome profit, without any evasion of the public responsibility of caring for the needy and poor. While it may not fall to the lot of every county to secure for a poor farm an income bearing orange grove, still we are sure it would pay every county to discard the pauper pension list.

Orange Grove Bargain.

Owner of two orange groves will sell either one of them in order to give entire attention to the other. One has 100 trees, 50 bearing, about 50 boxes oranges on now, tract contains 15 acres, near Mims station, price, if taken at once, \$800. The other grove is in Tumbull hammock, has 200 trees, about half bearing. If you mean business and want either of these properties address W. care STAR office, Titusville.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For ulcers, burns, wounds, boils, pain or piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Wilson & Son, druggists.

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cooking-school in Philadelphia, and lectures almost constantly during the season, traveling through all sections of the country. Mrs. Rorer has never had a headache, she is never ill, and, in her appearance, is certainly the best example one could have of her theories as to the right way to live.

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One or Two Thoughts.

We know of a man who traveled nearly five hundred miles to be present at a theatrical performance, and then spoiled his enjoyment of it by taking a cheap gallery seat that afforded but poor opportunity either to see or hear.

This same principle of false economy is involved when a person buys a "furniture" piano instead of a real musical instrument. For the cheapest piano he can possibly buy, he will spend quite an amount of money and in a few years he will find that he has only practiced economy below the point where cheapness ceases to be economy—that he has purchased an instrument that would be dear at any price.

Permanence

The piano business which we have been building up for the last fifteen years is not a one night's stand as the theatrical people say. There are a good many sales we do not care to make—cannot afford to make. We realize that a few dissatisfied customers might mean the loss of many customers. We, therefore, sell pianos and not "thump boxes." The "make-believe" piano agent carries on an entirely different branch of industry from ourselves. We have not a word to say against the "thump boxes." Like all other created things, they may have their uses, at least they teach to the purchaser the great moral lesson of patience in suffering and impress upon his mind the truth of the old proverb, "that the fool and his money are soon parted." If they do no other work than this and do it well, they are worth what they cost—which is not much.

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